(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Supreme Court's reported observation that "Younger Generation" in this country is "getting more and more addicted to liquor" and to many it has not only become a "fashion" to consume but an "obsession".

(b) whether Supreme Court has also expressed its surprise that some States are "encouraging unrestricted trade of liquor" in the face of Article 47; and

(c) if so, in what manner Government propose to enforce prohibition in consumption of intoxicating drinks/drugs when otherwise it is not enforceable through court of law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The observations have been reported in the media.

(c) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment does not propose to enforce prohibition. It is supporting 350 NGOs under the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse for carrying out a wide range of awareness generation and drug demand reduction activities in various community settings including village, panchayats, schools etc. so that people may be educated on ill effects of drug abuse and climate of abstinence is built up.

Policy for welfare of disabled persons

3925. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any specific policy for the welfare of disabled persons in the country;

(b) whether Government have identified the number of disabled persons in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the details of financial assistance granted and the total amount utilized for implementation of the said schemes during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir. National Policy for Persons with Disabilities has been formulated.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. State-wise number of disabled persons in the country is at Statement-I (*See* below).

(d) Funds under various schemes for persons with disabilities are not granted State-wise. However, under the schemes of Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 and Employment of Handicapped, funds were released to some State Governments and Union Territory Administrations as per details at Statement-II (*See* below). Another statement indicating scheme-wise Revised Estimates (RE) and expenditure incurred in the last three years is at Statement-III.

Statement-I

State/Union Territory-wise population of persons with disabilities as per the census 2001

Sl.No.	States/Union Territory	Number of persons with disabilities
1	2	3
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	302670
2.	Himachal Pradesh	155950
3.	Punjab	424523
4.	Chandigarh	15538
5.	Uttaranchal	194769
6.	Haryana	455040
7.	Delhi	235886
8.	Rajasthan	1411979
9.	Uttar Pradesh	3453369
10.	Bihar	1887611

1	2	3
11.	Sikkim	20367
12.	Arunachal Pradesh	33315
13.	Nagaland	26499
14.	Manipur	28376
15.	Mizoram	16011
16.	Tripura	58940
17.	Meghalaya	28803
18.	Assam	530300
19.	West Bengal	1847174
20.	Jharkhand	448377
21.	Orissa	1021335
22.	Chhattisgarh	419887
23.	Madhya Pradesh	1408528
24.	Gujarat	1045465
25.	Daman & Diu	3171
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4048
27.	Maharashtra	1569582
28.	Andhra Pradesh	1364981
29.	Karnataka	940643
30.	Goa	15749
31.	Lakshadweep	1678
32.	Kerala	860794
33.	Tamil Nadu	1642497
34.	Pondicherry	25857
35.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	7057
	TOTAL:	21906769

Statement-II

Release of Funds for Employment of Handicapped

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	Amount reimbursed under the Scheme of Employment of Handicapped		Scheme of implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995.
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1.	Chhattisgarh	-	-	16.00
2.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	16.00
3.	Orissa	-	-	16.00
4.	Punjab	-	32.85	9.80
5.	Uttaranchal	-	-	16.00
6.	Haryana	-	3.82	-
7.	Rajasthan	-	24.77	-
8.	Tamil Nadu	-	19.88	-
9.	Uttar Pradesh	19.84	01.46	-
10.	Chandigarh	-	5.00	0
11.	Delhi	5.00	4.00	-
	TOTAL:	24.84	91.78	73.80

NOTE 1: No fund was released during the year 2003-04 and 2004-05 to State Governments and UT Administrations under the Scheme of Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995.

NOTE 2: No fund was released to State Governments and UT Administrations during the year 2005-06 under the Scheme of Employment of Handicapped. The scheme has since been transferred to State Sector *w.e.f.* 1.4.2006.

NOTE 3: Amount of Rs. 73.80 lakhs was released to State Governments in the year 2005-06 for installation of hydraulic lifts in State Secretariat Buildings out of the total expenditure of Rs. 13.57 crores under Implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995.

Statement-III

Scheme-wise statement indicating revised estimate and expenditure for the last 3 years

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Scheme	RE 2003-04	Exp. 2003-04	RE 2004-05	Exp. 2004-05	RE 2005-06	Exp. 2005-06
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	National Institute for the Visually Handicapped	6.50	6.50	1.05	0.55	5.00	3.72
2.	National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	4.00	2.50
3.	National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped	7.50	7.50	7.66	5.86	7.50	6.15
4.	National Institute for the Rehabilitation Training and Research	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	7.24
5.	Institute for the Physically Handicaped	2.50	1.34	1.50	1.50	0.75	1.00
6.	National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped	8.50	7.76	9.00	9.62	10.00	10.99
7.	National Institute for the Multiple Handicapped	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	6.50	7.49
8.	Employment of Handicapped	1.00	0.25	2.00	1.54	0.00	0.00
9.	Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP)	55.00	55.00	60.00	63.19	60.00	59.00
10.	Science and Technology Development Projects in Mission Mode	1.00	1.00	0.90	0.37	2.00	0.65
14.	Rehabilitation Council of India	3.00	2.09	3.00	2.01	3.00	3.00
15.	Indian Spinal Injury Centre	2.50	2.50	2.70	2.62	3.50	2.99
16.	National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation	5.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	11.00	11.00
17.	Schemes for Implementation of the Persons with Disability Act, 1995	5.75	2.53	2.64	10.04	8.57	13.57
18.	Technology Centre for Visual Hearing and Orthopaedic Disabled Persons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
19.	Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme	75.01	71.00	72.00	67.31	74.00	67.50